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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

 (Currently amended) A <u>prestressed</u> scaffolding system for supporting the excavated earth retaining wall by forming a polygonal closed section, comprising:

a tendon:

a prestressed wale comprising a plurality of triangular tendon supports, being in contact with the tendon, in a middle portion of said wale, a tendon-anchoring unit at both ends of said wale, and a connecting brace for connecting said supports and said tendon-anchoring unit: and

a strut constituted by a truss or a plurality of H-beams or an H-beam having a large cross section and supporting said tendon-anchoring unit.

- (Original) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein said triangular tendon support is constituted by a vertical member and inclined member, or only by vertical members, or only by inclined members for forming a triangle and supporting said wale.
- (Original) The system as defined in claim 1, wherein said triangular tendon support is supported and connected by an intermediate pile and a support beam for the tendon support.
- 4. (Previously presented) The system as defined in claim 2, wherein said tendon-anchoring unit fixes a tendon and couples with said wale for applying a compression force and further couples with said inclined member or vertical member for supporting a generated force.
- (Previously presented) The system as defined in claim 4, wherein said tendon-anchoring unit forms an isosceles triangle, a corner of said isosceles triangle

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is reinforced by a reinforcing member, wherein said tendon is fixed at one corner of said isosceles triangle and a member facing said corner is directly connected to a truss strut or through a hydraulic jack or a screw jack, and a the portion connected with said wale has a length adjusting function.

- 6. (Previously presented) The system as defined in claim 4, wherein said tendon-anchoring unit forms a trapezoid, the corner of said trapezoid is reinforced by a reinforcing member, said tendon is fixed at both corners, and a middle portion is directly connected to said truss strut or through a hydraulic tack or a screw tack.
- 7. (Previously presented) The system as defined in claim 4, wherein said tendon-anchoring unit is provided with an inclined or vertical strut, a tendon entered from one side of said tendon-anchoring unit is fastened at an opposite side, a single wale or a double wale is supported by said tendon-anchoring unit, and said tendon-anchoring unit is equipped with a screw jack or a precedent load jack having a length adjusting function.
- 8. (Currently amended) A <u>prestressed</u> scaffolding system forming a polygonal closed section only by using a prestressed wale comprising <u>a tendon</u>, a plurality of triangular tendon supports, <u>being in contact with the tendon</u>, in the middle portion <u>of said wale</u>, a tendon-anchoring unit at both ends of said wale, and a connecting brace for connecting said supports and said tendon-anchoring unit.
- (Currently amended) The system as defined in claim 8, wherein said tendon-anchoring unit is a corner anchoring unit and is designed to be connected with said wale and to fix a tendon at both sides of said corner.

Claims 10-11 (Canceled)